

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

CHARLES ANTHONY LASKOWSKI,	§	
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Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
VS.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. H-05-1428
	§	
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS, <i>et al.</i> ,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

ORDER

This case¹ arising from a child support dispute in state court is before the court on plaintiff's motion for removal of counsel (Dkt. 48), plaintiff's motion to change venue (Dkt. 48), and plaintiff's motion for the court to appoint an expert witness (Dkt. 49).²

Plaintiff's motion for removal of defendants' counsel Christopher Coppola is based on unsworn factual contentions that are not supported by evidence. Plaintiff also offers no authority for removal of plaintiff's counsel under the circumstances alleged. It is therefore

ORDERED that plaintiff's motion for removal of counsel (Dkt. 48) is denied.

¹ The parties have consented to the jurisdiction of this Magistrate Court for all purposes, including trial.

² Also before the court are the state defendants' motion to dismiss (Dkt. 33), defendant Vinson's motion to dismiss (Dkt. 41), state defendants' motion to abstain from issuance of any injunction (Dkt. 47), plaintiff's motion for injunction (Dkt. 48), and plaintiff's motion for summary judgment (Dkt. 52). These dispositive motions will be addressed in a separate order.

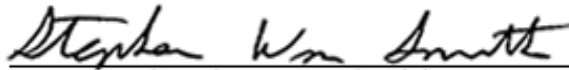
This case was previously transferred to this district from the Middle District of Pennsylvania. As that court previously ruled (Dkt. 4), venue is appropriate in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391. It is therefore

ORDERED that plaintiff's motion to change venue (Dkt. 48) is denied.

Rule 706 (a) of the Federal Rules of Evidence grants the court discretion to appoint a neutral expert and allocate payment of the expert's compensation as it deems appropriate. Plaintiff has stated the basis for his request only in a very general and conclusory way. The court finds no need to appoint an expert on the legal issues involved in this case at this time. It is therefore,

ORDERED that plaintiff's motion to appoint expert witness (Dkt. 49) is denied.

Signed at Houston, Texas on May 24, 2006.



Stephen Wm Smith
United States Magistrate Judge